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Bullet Train Project
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Bullet train project in the country;

(b) whether the Railways is also exploring the possibilities of tube trains;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken by the railways to make its Research and Development strong and at par with the world standard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a): Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail project has been sanctioned in December, 2015 and National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRC) has been incorporated to implement Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail project.

(b): No, Madam.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): Upgradation of Research and Development (R&D) capabilities to keep pace with world standards is a continuous process.

Some of the important initiatives taken in this regard are:

(i) Technology Mission for Indian Railways (TMIR) has been set up as a consortium of Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Ministry of Science & Technology and Industries, on an investment sharing model for taking up identified railway projects for applied research and use on Indian Railways.

(ii) Research Designs & Standards Organisation (RDSO), the Research & Development wing of Indian Railways, has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Railway Technical Research Institute, Japan for joint research co-operation.

(iii) Centres for Railway Research (CRR) have been sanctioned at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)/Kharagpur, Mumbai University, IIT/Roorkee, IIT/Chennai and IIT/Kanpur to carry out research work in various areas.

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